Evergreen

Evergreen, April 19.- Mr. Ernest Farrar is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. E. W. Farrar and Patsy and Charles Williams spent Saturday in Roanoke.

Mrs. Green Garrett, of Pamplin visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Tempie Henderson visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Sigmon, at Elon, Va. over the week-end.

Emile and Bonnie Bruce and Wanda Kay LeGrande were dinner guests Sunday with Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henderson and family motored to Richmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calhoun and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Downy and children, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end with Mrs. O. C. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Ore and children, of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grippeth, of Richmond and Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover over the week-end.

Those who viisted Mrs. Jessie Carwile and Mrs. T. R. Richardson and Ernest Farrar at the Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Staples and son, Henry Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Harvey and daughter, Ida Bell, Mrs. W. W. Jennings and son, Tadd.

Those who visited Mrs. Henry Simmons and daughter Sunday were Mrs. G. L. Wooldridge Jr. and children, of Rustburg; Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Dalton and family, of Rustburg, Mr. and Mrs. James Austin, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Buckner, Mrs. Robert Watson, of Appomattox.

Mrs. C. H. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Calhoun and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Basham, Sr. and Mrs. H. G. Basham, Jr., and daughter, Patricia spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Paulette and Mrs. Ethel Paulette.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Rachel McFadden Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lucado and daughter, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. C. J. Ferguson, of Richmond.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette is viisting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calhoun, of Baltimore, Md.

EVERGREEN P.-T. A.

The Evergreen P.-T. A. met on Monday night, with a good attendance.

The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Reba Bruce and Mrs. C. J. Paueltte.

The program consisted of two parts, given on The School - Age Child and Their Problems.

The sum of $10.00 was given to the Dr. David A. Christian III Memorial Fund.

It is planned to have a food sale on May 7 in Appomattox for the benefit of the playground equipment fund.

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, April 19.- A. B. Mann is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Pvt. Clyde Nash, Pvt. Edward Burrell, who are in the Marine Corps have been home on a ten-day leave, had to leave for Camp Sunday night, returning to Parris Island, South Carolina, for one week, and then will be transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ferguson, Mr. Paul Ferguson and Mr. D. T. Ferguson, all of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Juddy Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ferguson and daughter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of near Vera Saturday nigth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbitt visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Abbitt during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Price and children were visiting relatives in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosser and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rosser and son, William were Sunday guests of Mrs. Charles Rosser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Garrett and family, of Keysville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tibbs, of Spring Mills were Sunday guests of Mrs. W. S. Cumby.

Mrs. Tom Davis, who has been a patient in the hospital at Farmville has returned home and is doing fine at this writing.

Appomattox County Had 14th State Ranking in '54

Appomattox County fell from a rank of 7th among the counties in Virginia in 1953, to 14th in 1954, as to the number of highway deaths per 100 million vehicle miles of travel. In each year, there was only one highway fatality in the county.

However, with four deaths already in this county for 1955, the prospect that the years end will find Appomattox ranked well down in the lower half of the 98 counties of the Old Dominion.

The rate (deaths per 100 million miles traveled) of Appomattox was 2.8 in 1953 and 2.7 in 1954.

Buckingham County had 7 traffic deaths in 1953 to rank 79th, and 5 in 1954 to rank 55th.

Final official tabulation of Virginia's 1954 traffic fatalities stood at 810—a substantial reduction of the 904 of 1953.

Seven counties: Amelia, Craig, Giles, Highland, Lunenburg, Middlesex and Surry scored deathless years as did the cities of Bristol, Harrisonburg, Suffolk and Waynesboro. For Waynesboro, 1954 was the second consecutive year.

Twenty-nine counties showed death increases while 49 bettered their previous records and 20 saw the same number as in 1953. The largest number of fatalities, 31, occurred in Fairfax, while Nansemond and Norfolk saw 25 each. On the basis of deaths per 100 million miles traveled (death rate), Fluvanna with five killed and a rate of 22.8 had the worst record.

There were 14,198 people injured seriously and 10,152 injured slightly.

Vera

Vera, April 19.- Mrs. Alice Grow is improving from an attack of flu. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and son and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Coleman were supper guetss of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Harris Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps on Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner visited several families in this community. The visit was enjoyed by all. The community has missed their smiling faces since they moved to another field. May the good Lord bless them in their work.

Mrs. Wilson Scruggs, Nancy, Mrs. Ossie Ferguson and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited Mrs. Hunter Parris on Sunday afternoon.

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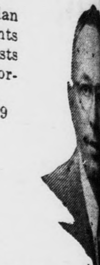

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Town To Add Well For More Water Supply

The Town of Appomattox is having an additional well drilled, to boost the town's water supply, and supplement the three wells now in use. Town Manager C. J. Hunter announced yesterday that the new well will be drilled by the Moore Well Drilling Company, of Rustburg and that a site for the well has been approved on property secured from E. L. Smith, between Route 460 and the N & W railway line.

Work on the project is expected to get under way in a few days.

Moore was low bidder on proposals submitted by the town.

The need for additional water supply for the town was highlighted last summer when a severe drougth lowered the level in the town's two water tanks, and some restrictions on use of water had to be asked of the users.

The town last summer was offered use of the third well now in use, by Herncalls, Cleaners, on property they own near the town's 100,000 storage tank. This aided the community out of the drougth emergency, but as the towns continues to grow, it was felt highly expedient that a fourth well be added to the supply.

The water from the new well to the storage tanks will be pumped through an existing pipeline, holding the outlay for the project to a minimum.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

A reader suggests that we have a contest to find "the largest" dogwood tree in Appomattox County. The dogwood is the state flower of Virginia, and we have many lovely dogwoods in Appomattox. Send in your nomination for the largest in the county!

A few days ago my friend, Mr. B. Kearn, of Route 3, came by to bring a clipping from the Akron, Ohio, Beacon-Journal. It was a feature story in their magazine section about Appomattox's Peyton Abbitt. Local people love this outstanding young lady who, despite the handicap of blindness, has mastered the art of living. And it may be of some satisfaction to know that others feel the same way, and that "The Peyton Abbitt Story" is being told in distant places as an inspiration to others. Before we had a chance to report this to our readers, Peyton made the headlines again. She won the title of champion speller of Appomattox County public schools, and this week took on county champions from a wide area in Central Virginia. In the finals, Peyton won second prize, losing first place to an ace speller from Halifax. But, in our book, Peyton is "second best" to no one, and so we salute a grand personality. Take a bow, Peyton.

Still on the subject of clippings, our friend, Mrs. Lester C. Furney, of Lockport, Illinois, has mailed us a clipping of an article on Appomattox which appeared recently in a Chicago daily paper. Mrs. Furney will be remembered here as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Legrand and as a former member of the faculty at A. H. S. She writes that she hopes to be "home" this summer on vacation—and so we give two commendations: No. 1. People who clip and send us any publicity about Appomattox. No. 2. Appomattox natives who still call this home, and plan to return come vacation time.

Without doubt, the big event of the week in the county has been the anti-polio vaccination going on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Health Center. The Salk vaccine has been the sensation of the year, and 14 first and second graders from Appomattox county schools were signed up for vaccination here this week. Tuesday morning very early, our writer and our friend Richard Robinson, local mortician and furniture dealer, were chatting at the corner drug store and commenting that it was bad for the papers and television to be using pictures of kids crying at the centers where the shots were being given. So we decided to divide the costs and buy enough lolly-pops for each child to get one for free at the local Health Center. Then we found that the fine folks down at the Health Center had already thought of that, and the idea ended up with a three-way split of the costs of the lolly-pops. And the result, too, lots of the kids came away smiling!

I have a little shelf in my office reserved for the cigars new fathers give me upon the arrival of a baby. I never smoke these cigars, but enter them into my collection .. which by now is fairly large. Got a couple of additions this week. And some day, who knows, I may live to pick up one of these cigars and show it to a bonnie lassie of sixteen, and say, "This is the stogie your pop gave me when you were born!" But now, maybe I will have to clear off another little shelf and start saving cigars in a new category. I have an entry of exactly one to date from politicians in the coming elections! My vote for sale? No sir, but my cigar shelf is available for exhibition purposes.

LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45 at Maud's Hot Shop. As a feature of the meeting, Judge J. W. Flood will be presented an award for his service as chairman of U. S. Savings Bond sales for Appomattox County, and for the county have met its quota last year.

The altitude of the Skyline Drive in Virginia varies from 595 feet at the northern entrance to 3,680 at [...]land.

Six Softball Teams Start Play May 2

The Appomattox Softball League will open regular season play Monday, May 2. The league this year will be composed of six teams. They will play games three nights a week at the Town Ball Park.

Teams in the league this year are: Western Auto, Ooakville, Appomattox Garment Co., Jamerson, Sinclair and Transco.

Two games will be played each night, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The first game will begin at 7:00 P. M. and the second game at 8:30.

The schedule for the first week is as follows:

May 2
Transco vs. Jamerson
Sinclair vs. Garment Co.

May 3
Garment Co. vs. W. Auto
Jamerson vs. Oakville

May 5
Oakville vs. Transco
W. Auto vs. Sinclair.

JC Banquet To Be May 7

The Charter Banquet of the Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce wil be held at the Appomattox High School cafeteria on Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 P. M. The guets speaker will be Dr. Fred Helsabeck, vice-mayor of Lynchburg and assistant to the president of Lynchburg Colelge. Earl Campbell vice president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce, will serve as master of ceremonies. The banquet will be attended by several high ranking Jaycees in Virginia.

Sumpter Priddy, State President will present the charter to the local group and also install the officers.

As of now there are 33 charter members who have paid their dues. Others interested in joining before the deadline, which is May 2, should contact Charles Jenkins, Wallace Haley or Grover Beasley Jr. The banquet will be open to the public but there is a limit to the accomodations. Reservations can be made by contacting Gene Paulette at the Farmers National Bank not later than Monday, May 2.

RED CROSS TOTAL

A total of $1,540.92 was raised in the recent Red Cross Roll Call in Appomattox County, it was announced today by Gene Paulette, fund treasurer.

MAYBERRY TRIAL TO START ON MAY 20

It is understood that a report has been received from the sanity test given Frank Mayberry, accused slayer of two men at Evergreen February 25, and that Mayberry will go on trial here May 20. He is accused of slaying his brother-in-law, and also killing Dr. David A. Christian, III. The circuit court will bring in a jury from Cumberland County for the trial.

Two Baseball Games This Week-end

The Appomattox Semi-pro baseball team will play Pamplin in an exhibition ball game here on Saturday at 8:00 P. M. at the Town Ball Park. Then on Sunday at 3:00 P. M., Appomattox will travel to Pamplin to play a return game there.

The local team has been practicing on week-ends and some during the week and is shaping up very well, according to Coach Gordon Bragg.

The positions are as follows:

Catchers: Shearer Robertson, Fred Lawson, and Jerry George.

Infielders: Ed Cawthorne, Ottoway Guill, Ray Wingfield, Harold Mann, J. T. Guill and Bradley Mann.

Pitchers: Maymond Mitchell, Calvin Tanner, Charlie Mitchell and John Rothgeb.

Outfielders: Vernell Mitchell, Teddy Mitchell, Sam Ferguson and Red Thomas.

Maymond Mitchell and Charlie Mitchell will share the mound duties on Saturday night. On Sunday Calvin Tanner and Bradley Mann will divide the pitching assignment.

Appomattox and Pamplin will be in the Patrick Henry League this season, the schedule opening May 7.

A. H. S. Plays Altavista

The Appomattox Blue Hornets lost to Dan River at Danville last Friday by a score of 6 to 2. The Dan River team had only three hits for the game, but due to walks and errors scored 6 unearned runs to win. The Blue Hornets now have a record of 4 wins and 1 loss.

The Blue Hornets will play their first night game here on Tuesday night at the Town Ball Park, when they meet Altavista High School.

The Baby Hornets downed Fleetwood High School Tuesday by a score of 2 to 0. The Baby Hornets have a record of 2 wins and 2 losses.

Highway Commission Adopts 5-Year Plan for Improvements

A five-year program for the development of Virginia's primary highway system has been adopted by the State Highway Commission.

The program, which was approved by the Commission at a meeting in Richmond April 21, represents a new concept in highway palnning in Virginia.

The first five-year plan probably will not be compelted until next spring, when the Commission makes tentative allocations for the primary system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956.

Under the new plan, the Commission not only would make annual allocations, but, in addition, would select tentative projects to be considered for construction during the next five years. Engineers pointed out that the program will have sufficient flexibility to allow for "changes due to unforeseen contingencies." It would involve about 80 per cent of anticipated highway funds during the five year period.

In adopting the program, the Commission took note of the fact that "the current trend in highway development is changing rapidly" and that the public "is becoming extremely highway conscious." The five year planning program represents an effort by the Commission to adopt a plan which would enable it "to prepare and to put underway the best possible type of highway program with the least amount of public inconvenience and friction."

The plan will make it possible for the Commission to say specifically what highway projects it intends to begin during a five-year period. The program will be a continuing one and as allocations are made each year for the primary system, another year of "tentative projects" will be added to the end of the five-year plan.

The Commission also adopted a policy designed to bring before the public plans for projects on the Interstate highway system and for by-passes and other extraordinary projects on state highways, where control of access is involved.

Here's the way the plan would work:

1. The local member of the Highway Commission and highway engineers would meet with local officials and citizens and inform them of the location of proposed projects in their area and obtain their reactions and suggestions.

2. Next, proposed lines and alternate locations would be drawn on aerial photographs or maps; right of way, construction and utility costs would be estimated, and a report would be prepared. This report

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Blue Mold Appears In Appomattox

Appomattox County farmers are urged to take precautions against Blue Mold damage, Jim Smith, county agent, stated this morning.

Blue Mold has been idetnified on some tobacco plant beds and will probably be widespread by the week-end.

Blue Mold can be effectively controlled with either a spray or a dust. Spraying is, perhaps, more effective and cheaper, whereas, dustinag is more convenient and easier to use. Ferbam is sold under the trade names of Fermate, Karbam Black, Ferradow, Nu Leaf, Carbamate, and others.

For spraying use material at rate of 4 pounds per 100 gallons of water (5 level tabelspoons per gallon). For the first 3 - 4 applications, use 3 gallons per hundred square yards. As plants become larger, use 6 gallons per 100 yards.

When dusting, use a 10 - 12% material at the rate of one pound per hundred square yards. As plants increase in size use 2 - 3 pounds per application.

Beds should be sprayed or dusted at least 2 times per week until the plants are set in the field. Should Blue Mold occur do not give up, but increase the amount of material and cover plants more thoroughly.

Pamp in Class In Washington

Washington, April 27.- The senior class of Pamplin High School is in Washington today and tomorrow for an educational tour of the capitol city.

The group were guests of Representative Watkins M. Abbitt for a first-hand view of the government in operation on Capitol Hill. Representative Abbitt met the students at the Capitol and arranged for a tour throughout the city.

Mr. Frank Irving, Principal of Pamplin High School, and other sponsors accompanied the students on the two-day visit. The group was to see the Capitol, the White House, Library of Congress, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and numerous other government buildings.

Those scheduled to make the visit included the following: Mr. Frank Irving, Mrs. Verdella Hamilton, Dan Seamster, William Ranson, Douglas Jamerson, Jimmy Miller, Bobby McClenny, Kenneth Baldwin, Henry Richardson, Otis Richardson, Rosalie Fore, Dorothy Richardson, Marie Tolley, Betty Orange and Alice Shumaker.

The group was guest of Representative Abbitt for lunch.

CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL FUND STILL GROW'NG

The fund raising drive for the Dr. David A. Christian III Memorial is progressing with sustained interest. W. C. Dudley, fund treasurer, stated this week that a number of contributions had been received from Roanoke and vicinity as a result of an article in the Roanoke daily newspaper. The memorial is planned to honor the beloved local physician who was murdered while in the line of duty Feb. 25. The plan calls for a medical center building here. The fund has a goal of $20,000, and the project now has some $6,000 in cash and pledges.

Must Pay Tax May 7 to Vote

May 7th is the deadline for payment of capitation taxes in order to be eligible to vote in this year's primary and general eletcion. Voters must register not later than thirty days before a primary or election, if they have not already done so.

The Democratic primary is set for July 12.

The Appomattox Town Election will be held June 14. December 5, 1954 was the deadline for payment of capitation taxes to vote in that election. Those eligible may register up to May 13th.

Bids Asked On Co. Road Hard-Surfacing

The State Highway Department today called for bids on an Appomattox County road project, Route 608. The bids will be 2.95 miles of aggregate base, hard surfaced, from Route 26 at Oakville toward Vera.

This project was one of sixteen on which the road agency will receive bids at 10 A. M., May 18.

Other work includes 10 more secondary road projects, a new Deep Creek bridge on Route 153 in Amelia County, and nearly a mile of concrete sidewalk on US 58 at Lawrenceville.

Also included is a 2,297-foot bridge over the Pamunkey River at West Point and more than a mile and a half of boulevard construction on Hamilton Avenue in Portsmouth.

Officers Named For Two Local P. T. A. Groups

The Appomattox P.-T. A. met on Tuesday, April 26 in the school auditorium. Miss Flora Williams was in charge of the program. Following the program the election of officers was held.

It had been decided at the last meeting that next year there would be two separate P.-T. A. organizations: one for Appomattox High School and one for the new Appomattox Elementary School. Officers for each were elected as follows:

Elementary School
President, Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr.
Vice-pres., Mrs. J. Newton Jennings
Secretary, Mrs. Edith Drew
Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Anderson

High School
President, Mr. Jack Couch
Vice-pres., Mrs. Howard Kerr
Secretary, Miss Julia Asher
Treasurer, Mrs. DeWitt Evans

Mrs. W. S. Gills gave a report on the district convention held April 22.

Garden Club Met Monday

The Appomattox Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting April 25 in the high school cafeteria. At the business meeting the club voted to request the State Highway Department to reopen the road through the Old Appomattox Court House.

Following the business session Mrs. Hardy, of Lynchburg gave an interesting demonstration on the making of period arrangements.

Observer Corps In Action Sun.

The loacl Ground Observer Corps will hold a practice exercise, in cooperation with the Roanoke Filter Center, on Sunday, May 1.

"Operation Sky Train III" will be held between the hours of 9 A. M. and 9 P. M.

Chief Observer John Ivey Holland asks that all members of the local Corps participate. Any person interested in joining, please call R. A. Sears or John Ivey Holland.

Work Party At Ball Park

The Appomattox Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) plans a work party at the town ball park Thursday night, April 28, for the purpose of reconditioning and improving the appearance and condition of the fence, stands and playing field. All Jaycees are asked to be present, along with the softball players, baseball players, and interested patrons. There is need for paint brushes, rakes, shovels, etc., so those attending are asked to bring them along.

The meeting of the softball team managers which is to be held Thursday night, is to be held at the park.

The softball league opens May 2, and it is imperative that the field be ready by that time.

National Home Demonstration Club Week To Be Held May 1-7

This year more than 5 million homemakers, who take part in home demonstration club work throughout the nation will observe National Home Demonstratin Club Week May 1 - 7. "Today's home builds tomorrow's world" is recognized as the underlying principle and guiding philosophy of these clubs.

In Appomattox County there have been 19 years of home demonstration club work. There are at present 17 organized home demonstration clubs in the county, with a membership of approximately 350 ladies. There is a club available in virtually every community in the county, and new members and visitors are welcome. The clubs offer the newest and most reliable information on foods and nutrition, clothing, housing, home furnishings, household equipment, home management, health and safety.

The county program and objectives are made each year by the County Home Demonstration Committee, and this committee is composed of the officers of each of the clubs in the county.

The County H. D. Committee was first organized in 1937. The following have served in excellent manner as chairman of this committee:

1937-39: Mrs. H. T. Terry, of the Pamplin Club.

1939-44: Mrs. J. T. Hix, Hixburg club.

1945-46: Mrs. O. R. Turnes, of Stonewall club.

1946-47: Miss Kate Davidson, of Wreck Island club.

1947-48: Mrs. H. A. Gurney, Lee club.

1950-51: Mrs. F. F. Carr, Appomattox club.

1952-53: Mrs. T. M. Cunningham, James River club.

1954-55: Mrs. R. K. Martin, of Pamplin club.

Other club members have served in excellent manner in the offices of vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and Federation goal leaders.

Mrs. F. F. Carr was elected chairman of District III in 1950. At that time District III was composed of 12 counties. At present 7 counties make up this district. After serving as district chairman for two years, Mrs. Carr was elected to serve as

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